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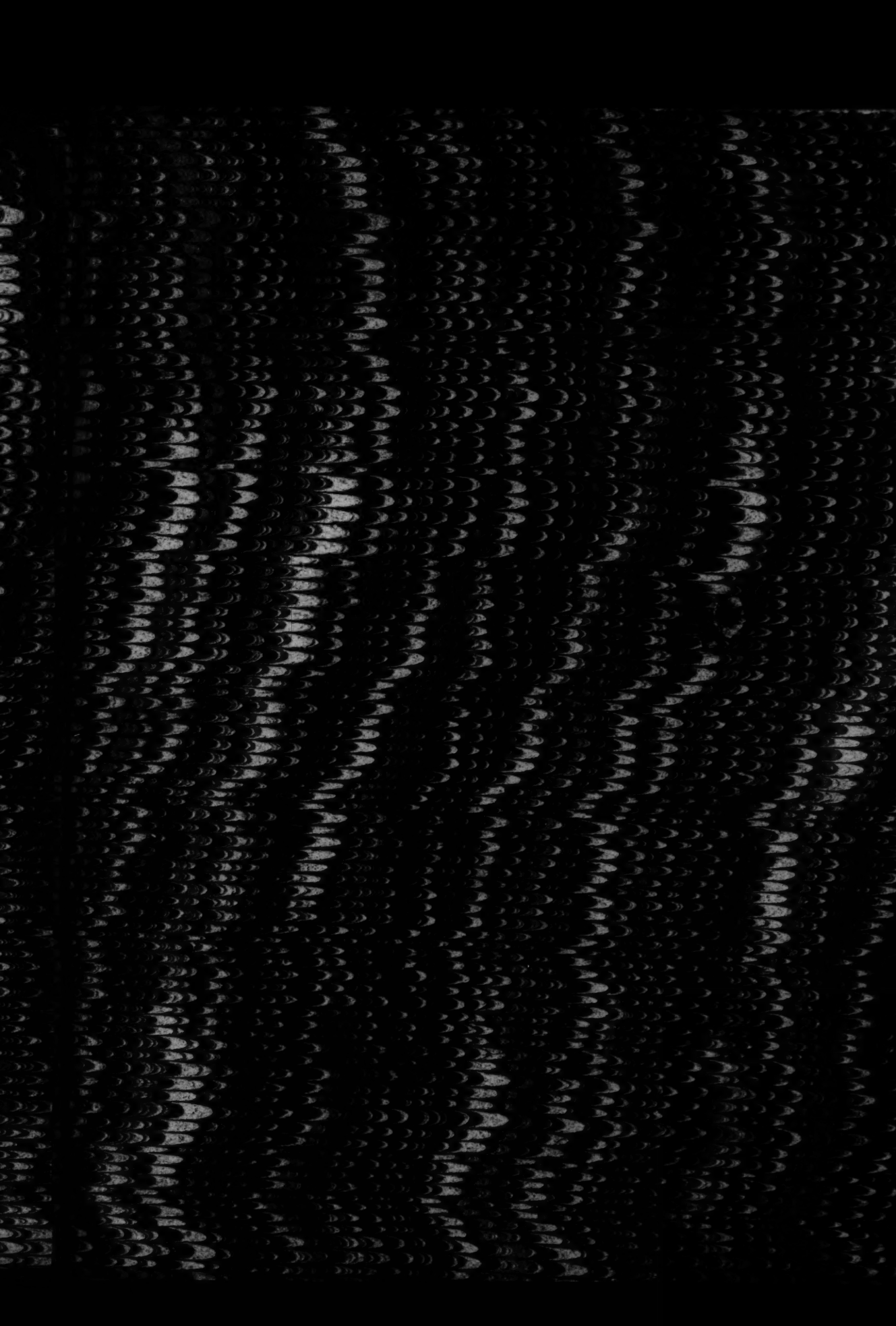

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The forme of the Oath to bee miniſtred vnto the Church-wardens and Side-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that you, and euery of you, ſhall duely conſider, and diligently inquire, of all and euery of theſe Articles giuen you in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide; you ſhall preſent all and euery ſuch perſon, of, or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in theſe, or any of theſe Articles; or which are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed of any ſuch offence or default: Wherein you ſhall deale vprightly and fully; neither preſenting, nor ſparing to preſent any, contrary to trueth; hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth and vertue, and to ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and the holy Contents of this Booke.

ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF, IN the Dioceſſe of NORVVICH: ANNO DOM. 1627.

Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine. Titul. 1.

1. WHether bee there any abiding, or reſorting to your Pariſh, that haue wilfully maintained and defended any hereſies, errours, or falſe opinions, contrary to the faith of Chriſt and holy Scripture. Hereticall opinions.

2. Item, Whether doth any in your Pariſh, being 16. yeeres of age or vpwards, or others, lodging, or commonly reſorting to any houſe in your Pariſh, wilfully abſent themſelues from your Pariſh Church, Chappell, or Oratorie, vpon Sundayes and Holydayes, and other dayes appointed, at Morning and Euening prayers. Or who come late to Church, and depart from Church before diuine Seruice and Sermon bee ended. Or whether bee there any that perſwade others to forbeare and abſtaine comming to Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion, according to his Maieſties Lawes in that behalfe enacted. Abſence from Church.

3. Item, Whether be there any in your Pariſh, that hath beene, or is vehemently ſuſpected to haue beene preſent at any vnlawfull aſſemblies, conuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour or pretence of any exer- Vnlawfull Conuenticles.

rise of Religion; or doeth any affirme and maintaine such meeting to be lawfull, contrary to his Maiesties Statutes in that behalfe.

Impugners of the Kings Supremacie.

4. Item, Whether bee there any within your Parish, that deny, or perswade any to deny, withstand, and impugne the Kings Maiesties authority and Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall within his Realme.

Popish Recusants.

5. Item, Whether be there any abiding, or resorting to your Parish, that bee, or are commonly reputed to bee ill affected in matters of Religion professed in our Church, or taken to be Recusant Papists, refusing to repaire vnto the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion, and being disobedient to his Highnesse Lawes in that behalfe prouided. Or doe any publish, sell, or disperse any superstitious bookes or writings; or other bookes, libells, or writings of any lectuaries touching the Religion, State, or Ecclesiasticall gouernement of this Kingdome of England. Present their names, qualities, and conditions. Doeth any Papist keepe a Schoolemaster in his house, which commeth not to Church as is required. What is his name, and how long hath he taught there or elsewhere.

Titul. 2.

Articles concerning publike Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments.

Deprauing the Booke of Common Prayer, and Ceremonies.

FIrst, Whether hath any of your Parish spoken or declared any thing, in the derogation, or deprauing of the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies, set foorth and prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer by the Kings Maiestie authorised and confirmed. Doe any preach, speake, or declare, that it containeth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures.

Perswading any Minister to alter the forme of Common Prayer.

2. Item, Whether hath any in your Parish caused, procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publike Prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper otherwise, or in any other manner and forme then is mentioned in the said Booke of Common Prayer. Or whether hath any interrupted, hindred, let, or disturbed the Minister to reade diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments, in such manner and forme as is mentioned in the said Booke, or interrupted him in his Preachings and Sermons.

Obseruation of the forme of Baptisme, and Crosse.

3 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duely administred according to the prescript Forme expressed in the booke of Common Prayer, with due obseruation of all Rites and Ceremonies

remonies prescribed in the administration of the same, without adding, or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not vsing the signe of the Crosse in the administration of the same.

4 Item, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme referred longer then the next Sunday or Holiday immediately following the birth of the Childe. Deferring of Baptisme.

5 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to bee administred to any children borne in or out of wedlocke, their birth being made knowen to the Minister of the parish, and offered vnto him to be baptized, or haue any such children died vnbaptized. Children refused to be baptized, or dying without Baptisme.

6 Item, Whether be the Parents of any child to bee baptized, admitted to be godfathers, and godmothers to the same. Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

7 Item, Whether haue there any children beene baptized in priuate houses by any Lay person, or midwife, or Popish Priest, or by any other Minister, but vpon vrgent occasion when the child was in danger of death. Priuate Baptisme

8 Item, Whether haue the children which haue beene borne to any Popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your parish, beene publikely baptized in your parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate; or by whom were they baptized, or where to your knowledge. Baptising of Papists children.

9 Item, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper beene duely and reuerently administred euery moneth, or thrice euery yeere at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church to euery parishioner being of sixteene yeeres of age, or vpwards. Receiuing of the Lords Supper thrice a yeere.

10 Item, Whether is the said holy Sacrament deliuered vnto, or receiued by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that vnreuerently sit or stand, or doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees. Kneeling at the Communion.

11 Item, Whether hath any of your parish which be openly knowen to liue in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or Schismatikes, common and notorious deprauers of the Religion and gouernment of this Realme, without vnfained sorrow showen for their impiety and wickednesse, beene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion. Notorious offenders admitted to the communion.

12 Item, Whether hath any of your parish beene debarred from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without intimation first giuen to the Ordinary, or Bishop of the Dioces: and by whose default. Debarring others without cause.

Titul. 3. Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

Bookes and ornaments in the Church.

FIrst, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the Booke of common Prayer, lately set foorth by his Maiesties authority, the two bookes of Homilies, and Bishop Iewels Apologie, all well and fairely bound: A Font of stone set vp in the ancient vsuall place: A conuenient and decent communion Table, with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually laid vpon the the Table at time of diuine Seruice, and a faire linnen cloth at the time of administring the Communion. And whether is the same Table placed conueniently as it ought. And whether is it so vsed in or out of time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy vse of it; as by sitting on it, and by throwing hats on it, or writing on it; or is it abused to other prophaner vses. Are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about.

Abusing of the Communion Table.

Things appertaining to Churches.

2 Item, Whether haue you in your said Church or Chappell, a conuenient seat for your Minister to read diuine Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same; a comely, large, and fine Surplice, a faire communion Cup, a Flagon of siluer, or peuter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments: and whether haue you a Chest for almes with three lockes and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the bookes and ornaments of the Church, and the Register booke. Haue you a Register booke in parchment for Christnings, Weddings, and Burials, and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons. And haue you a table set in your Church of the degrees wherein by law men are prohibited to marry.

Register bookes.

Reparations of Churches, and parsonage houses.

3 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell with the Chauncell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, your parish almes-house and Church-house in good reparations; and are they imployed to godly, and their right holy vses: if any bee ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default. Is your Church, Chancell, and Chappell decently and comely kept, aswell within as without, and bee the seats well maintained, the steeple and belles preserued, the windowes well glazed, the floore kept paued, plaine and euen, and all things in orderly and

and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may bee either noysome or vnseemely for the house of God, as is prescribed in an Homily to that effect, and the 85. Canon. Keeping cleane of Churches.

4 Item, How often haue you presented vnto the Comissaries, and Officers Court, the want of reparations of your Church, Chancell, Chappell, or your Vicarage and Parsonage houses. What dismission Fees haue you paied to the Register since the last Visitation, the faults being not amended.

5 Item, Whether bee your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse; if not, whose default is it: hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Churchyard. Haue any vsed a place consecrated to holy vse prophanely or wickedly: haue any quarrelled, or stricken another in Church or Churchyard: haue any anoyed your Churchyard or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of cloathes, or by laying there any dust, dung, or other filthinesse. Fencing and keeping the Churchyard.

6 Item, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent; if vacant, who receiueth the fruites thereof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authority: And whether is it a Parsonage, Vicaridge, or Donatiue, or Appropriation. Churches vacant.

7 Item, What legacies haue beene giuen to the vse and benefite of your Church, how they haue beene bestowed: who receiued them, and detaineth them without due imployment. Doeth any detaine or embezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses. Concealing of Church goods.

8 Item, Whether is there any erecting of pewes, or inuenting of seats in your Church by any priuate man of his owne authority: and what seats haue beene so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authority. Erecting vp seats and pues.

9 Item, Whether hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to be defaced any monuments or ornaments in your Church. Defacing of seemely Ornaments.

10 Item, Whether hath any Popish Recusant being lawfully excommunicate, beene enterred or buryed in your Church or Churchyard, before absolution of that censure and excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when. Burying of Popish Recusants.

11 Item, Whether be not the profits, tythes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly to the dishonour of Almightie God, and preiudice of the sacred Ministerie, conuerted to the vse and benefit of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they beene so vsed to your knowledge. Alienation of tithes and profits of the Church.

12. Item,

A Terrier of Gleblands and other possessions of the Church

12 Item, Whether you haue the Terrier of all the Gleab-lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houses, stockes, implements, tenements, and portions of Tythes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging vnto your parsonage or Vicaridge, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish. And whether the said Terrier be laid vp in the Bishops Registry, and in whose hands are any of them now. And And if you haue no Terrier already made in parchment, you the Churchwardens and Sidemen, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence your Curate, are to make diligent enquiry, and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid.

Titul. 4.

Articles concerning Ministers, and Preachers of Gods holy Word.

Degrees of Ministers.

FIrst, Whether is your Minister, Parson, Vicar, or Curate, a Graduate in either of the Vniuersities, or no: if yea, then of what degree. Is he a publike Preacher of Gods word, and by whom is hee so licensed.

Obseruation of the forme, and time of common Prayer, and Sacraments.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister distinctly, and reuerently say Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holydayes, and other dayes appointed to be obserued by the booke of Common Prayer, as Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, and the Eues of euery Sunday and Holyday, at fit and vsuall times. And doth your Minister duely obserue the orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publike Prayers, and the Letany, as also in administring the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimonie, visitation of the sicke, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites, and Offices of the Church, in like manner and forme, as in the said booke of Common Prayer is enioyned, without any omission or addition of any thing. And doth hee read the booke of the last Canons yeerely.

Continuall wearing of the Surplice.

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister alwayes, and at euery time both morning and euening, reading diuine Seruice, and administring the Sacraments, and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons, and doth he neuer omit wearing of the same at such times.

Obseruation of Rites.

4 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holydayes and Fasting dayes, as is appointed. Doth he administer the holy Communion euery

ry moneth, or thrice in the yeere at least, whereof once at Easter to euery parishioner: doth he receiue the same himselfe on euery day that hee administreth it to others, and vseth hee the words of Institution according to the booke, without alteration, at euery time that the Bread and Wine is renewed. Doth he vse and neuer omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme, or doth he euer Baptize in any Bason or other thing but the vsuall Font. Doth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall Licence from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Dioceese, or his Chancellour first had and obtained.

5 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licenced or no: If no, whether doth he take vpon him in his owne Cure or elswhere to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keepe himselfe onely to the reading of Homilies published by Authority: if so, then you are to present the same, the time and place where hee did it. And if he be licensed, doth he preach vsually according to the 45. Canon in his owne Cure, or some other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is: doth he preach standing, and with his hat off. Or whether doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, read an Homily, or some part thereof, according as hee ought to doe.

Preachers without licence. Reading Homilies when there is no Sermon.

6 Item, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Sermons, any doctrine which is new and strange, and disagreeing from the word of God, and from the Articles of Christian Faith and Religion agreed on and published An. Dom. 1562. or whether doeth he teach any thing, which hee would haue the people religiously to obserue, and beleeue, but that which is agreeable to the Scriptures, and that which the Catholike Fathers and auncient Bishops haue gathered out of that doctrine, according to the Canon.

Preaching of false doctrine, and new opinions.

7 Item, Whether is any Minister admitted to preach in your Church, who doth not before the Churchwardens subscribe his name in your booke for that purpose, the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach. And is any one admitted to preach before he sheweth his licence.

Names of strange preachers to be taken.

8 Item, Doth any Preacher in your pulpit particularly impugne and confute any doctrine deliuered by other his fellow Preachers, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Dioceese therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case.

Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

9 Item, Doth your Minister vse alwaies to pray for the Kings Ma-

Praying for his Maiestie, &c.

ieſtie, the Queene, Clergie, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles, as in the Canon is required.

Non reſidence of the Miniſter.

10 Item, Whether is your Miniſter reſident vpon his Benefice, or abſent; if abſent, by whom is the Cure ſerued, the fruits receiued. Doth your Miniſter or Curate ſerue any more Cures then one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he ſerue, and how farre are they diſtant.

Catechizing.

11 Item, whether doth hee catechize the youth of his Pariſh vpon Sundayes or Holydayes before Euening prayer for halfe an houre, or more, in the Catechiſme ſet forth in the booke of Common prayer: and whether doe all the Pariſhioners diligently attend his catechiſing, and who refuſe to ſend their children and ſeruants to be catechized by him.

Miniſters to call for releeſe of the poore, and almes deeds.

12 Item, Doth your Miniſter carefully looke to the releeſe of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his Pariſhioners to giue ſomewhat according to their ability, to godly and charitable vſes, eſpecially when they make their wills.

Symonie.

13 Item, Whether is your Miniſter ſuſpected, or knowen to haue obtained his Benefice, or Spirituall promotion by any Simoniacall compact directly or indirectly.

Demiſing of Benefices.

14 Item, Whether doth your Miniſter demiſe the profits of his Benefice to any Lay-man aboue one yeere, and is not reſident there, and keepeth no hoſpitalitie vpon his Benefice being of ſufficient value.

Conferring with Recuſants.

15 Item, Whether hath he being learned and ſufficient, conferred with the Popiſh Recuſants of his Pariſh, endeauouring to reclaime them from their errours, and preſenting them being obſtinate for their Recuſancie.

Obſeruing of Rogation week.

16 Item, Doth your Miniſter in the Rogation dayes goe in perambulation of the circuit of the Pariſh, ſaying and vſing the prayers, ſuffrages, and thankeſgiuing to God, appointed by Law, according to his duetie, thanking God for his bleſſings, and praying for his grace and fauour.

Preaching, &c. in priuate houſes.

17 Item, Hath your Miniſter or any other Preacher made any Sermons, adminiſtred the Sacraments, or Churched women in any priuate houſes, otherwiſe then is by Law allowed.

Curates not licenſed, and lay men doing offices of a miniſter.

18 Item, What Curats, or Preachers doe reade prayers, or adminiſter the Sacraments in your Pariſh, without lawfull licence from the Biſhop of the Dioceſſe vnder his hand and ſeale, according to the Canon: or doth any Layman, not hauing holy Orders, preſume to reade publike prayers in the Church.

19 Item,

19 Item, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish, and whether (if any such be) he doth twice at the least euery yeere reade himselfe Diuine Seruice both morning and euening two seueral Sundayes publikely in his Surplice; and also twice in the yeere administer both Sacraments, with such rites and ceremonies as are prescribed in the booke of Common prayer, according to the 56. Canon. Lecturers and Preachers to read seruice.

20 Item, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from Mechanicall trades, or labour not befitting his function, and from apparell vnseemely for his calling, and from gaming, swearing, and drunkennesse, and in frequenting from Innes, Tauernes, and Tipling houses, and sitting and drinking inordinately in the same, or such notorious scandals: or is there any in your Parish, who hauing beene admitted into holy Orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish or forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay-man. Conuersation of the Minister. Ministers forsaking their calling.

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister before the seuerall times of the administration of the Lords Supper, admonish and exhort his Parishioners, if they haue their consciences troubled and disquieted, to resort vnto him, or some other learned Minister, and open his griefe, that hee may receiue such ghostly counsell and comfort, as his conscience may bee relieued, and by the Minister hee may receiue the benefit of absolution, to the quiet of his conscience, and auoiding of the scruple; And if any man confesse his secret and hidden sinnes being sicke or whole to the Minister, for the vnburthening of his conscience, and receiuing such spirituall consolation, doth or hath the said Minister at any time reuealed and made knowen to any person whatsoeuer, any crime or offence so committed to his trust and secrecie, contrary to the 113. Canon. Ministers reuealing priuate confessions.

Articles concerning Matrimony. Titul. 5.

FIrst, Whether there be any in your Parish that haue married within the degrees of affinitie, or consanguinitie by the Law of God forbidden; if any, what be they. Marriage within Leuiticall degrees.

2 Item, Whether haue any beene married secretly in priuate houses, or without their parents or gouernours consent signified, being vnder the age of 21. yeeres. Priuate marriage, and without consent of Parents.

3 Item, Whether doe any persons lawfully married, liue asunder vnlawfully, and in whom is the default. Married persons liuing apart.

4 Item, Whether any persons, (the Banes being not thrice published Marriage without banes, and licence.

lished in the Church,) haue beene married without licence, who were present at such mariages, and what Minister married them.

Persons married out of their parishes.

5 Item, Whether any persons by licence or without haue beene married in your Parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your Towne.

Recusants marriage.

6 Item, What Popish Recusants or their children haue been married in your Parish, in what sort was that Matrimony solemnized, when and by whom.

Bigamy.

7 Item, Is there any in your Parish that is voiced, noted, and credibly reported and accused to haue two wiues liuing, or two husbands.

Titul. 6. Election of Churchwardens.

Articles concerning the Churchwardens.

FIrst, whether be the Churchwardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 89. Canon, and whether hath any taken vpon him to be Churchwarden being not so chosen: Or hath any continued aboue one yeere in his office without a new choise.

Churchwardens due accompt.

2 Item, Whether haue any Churchwardens retained any of the Church goods, and not made a iust account of what they haue receiued and expended.

Churchwardens diligent in the Church.

3 Item, Haue they beene and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there be no disturbance, but soberneſſe and quietneſſe in the Church. And doe the Churchwardens keepe a booke in your Parish, wherein the name of euery strange Preacher in your Parish is set downe; and haue the Churchwardens suffered any to Preach not shewing or hauing no licence.

Titul. 7. Prophaning the Lords day.

Articles concerning the Parishioners.

FIrst, Whether doe any in your Parish prophane the Sunday by vnlawfull games, drinking, or tippling in the time of Common Prayer, or Sermon; and by working, and doing the ordinary workes of their vocation and trades.

Impugning the Rites and gouernment of the Church.

2. Item, Is there any in your Parish that doe impugne or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them; and the gouernement of this Church vnder his Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall officers.

Reuerent behauiour at Diuine seruice.

3. Item, Who in your Parish doe come to the Sermon onely, and not to diuine Seruice, and who doe not reuerently behaue themselues during the time of diuine Seruice, deuoutly kneeling when the gene-

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rall Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read: and vsing all duly and lowly reuerence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus is mentioned, and standing vp when the Articles of the Beliefe, and the Gospel are read: or who doe couer their heads in the Church, during the whole time of diuine Seruice, vnlesse it bee in case of necessitie, in which case they may weare a nightcap. Or who doe giue themselues to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiue to heare the word read and preached.

Leauing their owne Churches to go to others.

4 Item, Is there any of your Parish hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers: or doe any in your Parish Communicate, or Baptize their children in any other Parish.

Exception against the Minister.

5 Item, is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their children Baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him: or haue any wiues that refuse to come to Church according to the booke of Common Prayer, to giue thankes to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habit, as hath beene auncientlie accustomed.

Churching of women.

Disgracing of Ministers.

6 Item, Hath any in your Parish spoken slanderous and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their marriage or wiues, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance.

Opening of shops vpon holydaies.

7 Item, Whether doe any in your Parish exercise any trade, or labour, buy or sell, or keepe open shops, or set out any wares to bee sold vpon Sundayes and Holydayes by themselues, their seruants, or apprentices; or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes.

Keeping holy of 27. March. 5. August, 5. Nouember.

8 Item, Whether is the 27. of March, the 5. of August, and the 5. of Nouember kept holy, and thankesgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe.

Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

9 Item, Is there any in your Parish that be, or are commonly knowne or reputed, to be blasphemers of Gods holy Name, drunkards, adulterers fornicators, incestuous persons, concealers or harbourers of fornicators or adulterers: haue any beene detected of such notorious crimes, and what penance haue they done for the same.

Commutation of Penance.

10 Item, What corporall punishment for any such offences, haue beene commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or sum of money by any Ecclesiasticall Judge, exercising iurisdiction within this Diocesse, by vertue of any Grant or Commission; or what was the sum of money by them or any of them so receiued and taken, and to what vses

was the same bestowed: or whether vpon such commutations, was the vnfained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church.

Persons dying since the 2 of Febr. 1618.

11. Item, What person or persons haue died and departed this mortall life, since the 2. day of Februarie last past, and whether did they make any last Wills or Testaments, and who were their Executors, or whether died they intestate, and who hath the Administration of their goods; and what be the names of such deceased, and Executors, and Administrators.

Administring of goods without authoritie.

12. Item, Whether haue any in your parish administred the goods of any person deceased without lawfull authority, and before he or they haue proued the will and Testament of the partie deceased, or haue obtained Commission from the Ordinary to dispose of the said moueable goods; or are there any Wills vnproued, or goods not administred.

Excommunicate persons.

13 Item, What persons bee excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether dos any of them repaire to the Church in time of Prayer, vnabsolued.

Titul. 8. Articles concerning Schoolemasters, Physitians, and Chyrurgions, and Parish Clearkes.

Schoolemasters not licenced.

FIrst, Is there any Schoolemaster in your Parish that teacheth publikely or priuately, not licensed by the Ordinarie or the Bishop of the Diocesse. Doth he teach any Papists or Sectaries children, that come not to Church. And doeth bee instruct all his schollers to learne the shorter Catechisme by law established, contained in the booke of common Prayer. Is he a graduate, and sufficient to teach.

Duetie of all Schoolemasters.

Physitians not licenced.

2 Item, What Physitian or Chyrurgion is in your Parish vnlicensed, and being not a Doctor of physicke in either of the Vniuersities, doeth practise physicke. And what ignorant persons haue left their trade, and taken vpon them to professe Physicke, or Chyrurgerie; and who be they that so abuse the people.

Parish Clerkes.

3 Item, Haue you a fit parish-Clarke, aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest life, able to read and write. Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud; if not, then whose default is it. By whom is bee chosen: is bee diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister; doeth bee meddle with any thing aboue his office; doeth hee keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked. Is any thing lost and spoyled by his default, and doeth he execute his office duely.

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall offices. Titul. 9.

Excessiue fees.

FIrst, Whether bee there any Ecclesiasticall officers, that exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Diocesse, that take and receiue, or exact any extraordinary and excessiue fees for any cause. Whether haue your Churchwardens and Questmen, concealed any abuses, or offences punishable in the Ecclesiastical court; and whether such offences being presented are suppressed and vnpunished.

Tables of fees in Courts.

2 Item, Whether is there not a table of Fees in euery Court, of the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed and subscribed by the Iudge and Register of the court of Consistory Ann. Dom. 1597. and the same euery Court day hung vp in some publike place of the Court, and Registry. And whether doeth the Register of your Courts take more for Willes, and Administrations and other things, then is set downe in that Table.

Speeding of actes without a Notarie.

3 Item, Doeth any Ecclesiasticall Iudge speed any act in any cause priuately of himselfe, and not in presence of some publike Notarie, or Actuarie.

Abuses in apparitors and Sumners.

4 Item, Whether is there any excessiue number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Diocesse; or haue any of them vnder pretence of authoritie cited or summoned any person vnlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sinne, or the auoiding of punishment of the offenders, and who be they that haue done so; or doe they take any fees not accustomable. Haue they threatned any to prosecute them if they had no reward, and doe they summon any without a Citation first had.

Abuses in Ecclesiasticall offices.

5 Item, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, or Officer, Aduocate, Register, Proctor, Clerkes, or other such ministers any way abused themselues in their offices, contrary to the law and Canons in that behalfe prouided.

Sincerity and impartialitie in the Inquisitors.

6 Item, Lastly, Whether haue you and euery of you, sincerely, vprightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, presented and made knowne all and euery the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in trueth to be, or by common fame reported.

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall cognisance, you are to present the same.

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The Miniſters of euery Parish may ioyne in preſentment with the Churchwardens and Side-men, and if they will not preſent, then the Miniſters themſelues (being the perſons that ſhould haue the chiefe care for the ſuppreſſing of ſinne and impietie in their parishes) may preſent the crimes aforeſaid, and ſuch things as ſhall be thought to require due reformation. Can. 113.

There muſt be ſeuerall preſentments made to euery ſeuerall Article.

FINIS.

Hos Articulos ſub hiſce Titulis in hac viſitatione, 1627. proponit inquirendos,

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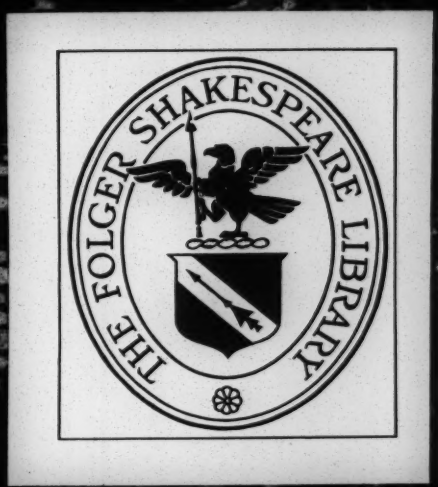
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